

U.S. Application Serial No. 10/773,093

Reply to the Office Action of: November 17, 2004

**REMARKS**

It has been noted by the Applicant that this application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters.

The new Abstract of the Disclosure in compliance with the requirements of U.S. Patent Practice is submitted in the Response.

The Specification has been amended as required by the Examiner in Section 3 of the Office Action and to further improve the English usage.

The amended versions of Figures 2, 3 and 16 accompany this Response.

The claims have been amended as required by the Examiner and further in order to provide better English usage.

As to the statement concerning the Information Disclosure Statement provided on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner's position is not fully understood by the

Applicants. On one hand, concerning the listing of references in the specification, the Examiner indicates that unless the references have been cited by the Examiner on Form PTO-892, they have not been considered. On the other hand, the references disclosed in the specification have been cited by the Examiner on the Form PTO-892, which forms a part of the outstanding Office Action. Therefore, technically speaking these references are made to be of record in the application.

However, if the Examiner still insists on the submission of a formal Information Disclosure Statement, such Statement is prepared and accompanies this Response.

Applicants fully agree with the position of the Examiner that the present invention, as recited in the claims currently of record in the application, are patentable over the references currently of record in the application.

Applicants have made best faith effort to place the application in condition for allowance. However, if any issue raised by the PTO has inadvertently been left unanswered, the Examiner is authorized to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Early Examination of this Application is respectfully requested in view of the  
above Amendment and Remarks.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**In the Drawings:**

Please substitute the amended Figures 2, 3 and 16 which accompany this Response for the originally submitted Figures 2, 3 and 16.